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✓	AC	5,599,346	2/4/97	Edwards et al.			
✓	AD	5,267,994	12/7/93	Gentelia et al.			
✓	AE	5,423,806	6/13/95	Dale et al.			
✓	AF	4,601,705	7/22/86	McCoy et al.			
✓	AG	5,242,439	9/7/93	Larsen et al.			
✓	AH	5,437,661	8/1/95	Rieser			
✓	AI	5,201,731	4/13/93	Hakky			
✓	AJ	5,498,258	3/12/96	Hakky et al.			
✓	AK	5,527,331	6/18/96	Kresch et al.			
✓	AL	5,718,702	2/17/98	Edwards			
✓	AM	5,782,795	7/21/98	Bays			
✓	AN	5,810,809	9/22/98	Rydell			
✓	AO	5,415,633	5/16/95	Lazarus et al.			
✓	AP	4,838,859	6/13/89	Strassmann			
✓	AQ	4,590,934	5/27/86	Malis et al.			
✓	AR	5,397,304	3/14/95	Truckai			
✓	AS	5,433,739	7/18/95	Shuijter et al.			
✓	AT	5,201,729	4/13/93	Hertzmann et al.			
✓	AU	3,178,728	4/20/65	Christensen			
✓	AV	3,579,643	5/25/71	Morgan			
✓	AW	3,776,230	12/4/73	Neeffe			
✓	AX	3,867,728	2/25/75	Substad et al.			
✓	AY	3,879,767	4/29/75	Substad			
✓	AZ	3,886,600	6/3/75	Kahn et al.			

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<i>RDW</i>	BA	3,938,198	2/17/76	Kahn et al.			
✓	BB	3,987,499	10/26/76	Scharbach et al.			
✓	BC	3,992,725	11/23/76	Hornsy			
✓	BD	4,043,342	8/23/77	Morrison, Jr.			
✓	BE	4,085,466	4/25/78	Goodfellow et al.			
✓	BF	4,129,470	12/12/78	Hornsy			
✓	BG	4,224,696	9/30/80	Murray et al.			
✓	BH	4,224,697	9/30/80	Murray et al.			
✓	BI	4,326,529	4/27/82	Doss et al.			
✓	BJ	4,344,193	8/17/82	Kenny			
✓	BK	4,362,160	12/7/82	Hiltebrandt			
✓	BL	4,375,220	3/1/83	Matvias			
✓	BM	4,381,007	4/26/83	Doss			
✓	BN	4,397,314	8/9/83	Vaguine			
✓	BO	4,483,338	11/20/84	Bloom et al.			
✓	BP	4,517,965	5/21/85	Ellison			
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✓	BS	4,597,379	7/1/86	Kihn et al.			
✓	BT	4,811,733	3/14/89	Borsanyi et al.			
✓	BU	4,873,976	10/17/89	Schreiber			
✓	BV	4,894,063	1/16/90	Nashef			
✓	BW	4,895,148	1/23/90	Bays et al.			
✓	BX	4,907,585	3/13/90	Schachar			
✓	BY	4,907,589	3/13/90	Cosman			
✓	BZ	4,924,865	5/15/90	Bays et al.			

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<i>Roy</i> ✓	CA	4,944,727	7/31/90	McCoy			
✓	CB	4,950,234	8/21/90	Fujioka			
✓	CC	4,966,597	10/30/90	Cosman			
✓	CD	4,976,709	12/11/90	Sand			
✓	CE	4,976,715	12/11/90	Bays et al.			
✓	CF	4,998,933	3/12/91	Eggers et al.			
✓	CG	5,007,908	4/16/91	Rydell			
✓	CH	5,009,656	4/23/91	Reimels			
✓	CI	5,100,402	3/31/92	Fan			
✓	CJ	5,103,804	4/14/92	Abele et al.			
✓	CK	5,178,620	1/12/93	Eggers et al.			
✓	CL	5,191,883	3/9/93	Lennox et al.			
✓	CM	5,201,730	4/13/93	Basley et al.			
✓	CN	5,213,097	5/25/93	Zeindler			
✓	CO	5,230,334	7/27/93	Klopotek			
✓	CP	5,242,441	9/7/93	Avitall			
✓	CQ	5,261,906	11/16/93	Pennino et al.			
✓	CR	5,275,151	1/4/94	Shockey et al.			
✓	CS	5,284,479	2/8/94	de Jong			
✓	CT	5,304,169	4/19/94	Sand			
✓	CU	5,311,858	5/17/94	Adair			
✓	CV	5,320,115	6/14/94	Kenna			
✓	CW	5,323,778	6/28/94	Kandarpa et al.			
✓	CX	5,334,193	8/2/94	Nardella			
✓	CY	5,348,554	9/20/94	Imran et al.			
✓	CZ	5,366,443	11/22/94	Eggers et al.			

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✓	DA	5,458,569	10/17/95	Lax et al.			
✓	DB	5,465,737	11/14/95	Schachar			
✓	DC	5,484,403	1/16/96	Yoakum et al.			
✓	DD	5,484,432	1/16/96	Sand			
✓	DE	5,484,435	1/16/96	Fleenor et al.			
✓	DF	5,507,812	4/16/96	Moore			
✓	DG	5,514,130	5/7/96	Baker			
✓	DH	5,542,920	8/6/96	Cherif Cheikh			
✓	DI	5,569,242	10/29/96	Lax et al.			
✓	DJ	2,090,923	8/24/97	Wappler			
✓	DK	3,856,015	12/24/74	Iglesias			
✓	DL	3,945,375	3/23/76	Banko			
✓	DM	4,134,406	1/16/79	Iglesias			
✓	DN	4,476,862	10/16/84	Pao			
✓	DO	4,651,734	3/24/87	Doss et al.			
✓	DP	4,815,462	3/28/89	Clark			
✓	DQ	4,955,882	9/11/90	Hakky			
✓	DR	5,085,657	2/4/92	Ben-Simhon			
✓	DS	5,098,430	3/24/92	Fleenor			
✓	DT	5,186,181	2/16/93	Franconi et al.			
✓	DU	5,192,267	3/9/93	Shapira et al.			
✓	DV	5,308,311	5/3/94	Eggers et al.			
✓	DW	5,342,357	8/30/94	Nardella			
✓	DX	5,352,868	10/4/94	Denen et al.			
✓	DY	5,354,331	10/11/94	Schachar			
✓	DZ	5,364,395	11/15/94	West, Jr.			

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<i>RJG</i>	EA	5,366,490	11/22/94	Edwards et al.			
✓	EB	5,382,247	1/17/95	Cimino et al.			
✓	EC	5,401,272	3/28/95	Perkins			
✓	ED	5,437,662	8/1/95	Nardella			
✓	EE	5,451,223	9/19/95	Ben-Simhon			
✓	EF	5,524,338	6/11/96	Martyniuk et al.			
✓	EG	5,630,839	5/20/97	Corbett, III, et al.			
✓	EH	5,681,282	10/28/97	Eggers et al.			
✓	EI	5,683,366	11/4/97	Eggers et al.			
✓	EJ	5,688,270	11/18/97	Yates et al.			
✓	EK	5,697,909	12/16/97	Eggers et al.			
✓	EL	4,074,718	2/21/78	Morrison, Jr.			
✓	EM	5,085,659	2/4/92	Rydell			
✓	EN	5,464,023	11/7/95	Viera			

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✓	EP	0 274 705	7/20/88	EPO				
✓	EQ	0 729 730	4/9/96	EPO				
✓	ER	0 521 595	1/7/93	EPO				
✓	ES	0 737 487	10/16/96	EPO				
✓	ET	0 257 116	3/2/88	EPO				
✓	EU	0 479 482 A1	4/8/92	EPO				
✓	EV	0 479 482 B1	5/1/96	EPO				
✓	EW	0 542 412	5/19/93	EPO				
✓	EX	0 572 131	12/1/93	EPO				
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<i>RW</i>	FA	0 783 903	7/16/97	EPO			Abstract Yes	
	✓ FB	35 11 107	10/2/86	Germany				
	✓ FC	2,164,473	3/19/86	UK				
	✓ FD	637118	12/15/78	USSR			Abstract Yes	
	✓ FE	1,340,451	12/12/73	UK				
	✓ FF	WO 96/34568	7/11/96	WIPO				
	✓ FG	WO 85/02762	7/4/85	WIPO			Abstract Yes	
	✓ FH	WO 93/01774	2/4/93	WIPO			Abstract Yes	
	✓ FI	WO 95/20360	8/3/95	WIPO				
	✓ FJ	WO 95/30373	11/16/95	WIPO				
	✓ FK	WO 92/10142	6/25/92	WIPO				
	✓ FL	WO 93/20984	10/28/93	WIPO				
	✓ FM	WO 95/01814	1/19/95	WIPO				
	✓ FN	WO 95/13113	5/18/95	WIPO				
	✓ FO	WO 95/18575	7/13/95	WIPO				
	✓ FP	WO 96/39914	12/19/96	WIPO				
	✓ FQ	WO 97/06855	2/27/97	WIPO				
	✓ FR	WO 98/07468	2/26/98	WIPO				
	✓ FS	WO 93/16648	9/2/93	WIPO				
	✓ FT	WO 95/25471	9/28/95	WIPO				
	✓ FU	WO 95/30377	11/16/95	WIPO				
	✓ FV	WO 95/34259	12/21/95	WIPO				
	✓ FW	WO 96/11638	4/25/96	WIPO				
	✓ FX	WO 96/32051	10/17/96	WIPO				
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RDY ✓	GA	5-42166	2/23/93	Japan		Abstract Yes	
ROZ ✓	GB	2,645,008	3/28/89	France		Abstract Yes	

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	GE	Beadling, L., "Bi-Polar Electrosurgical Devices: Sculpting the Future of Arthroscopy," <u>Orthopedics Today</u> , Vol. 7, No. 1, 4 pages					
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	GH	Attachment II: Competitive Literature on Generators with Bipolar Forceps and Footswitch Controls, brochures from Weck Electrosurgery, Bard Electro Medical Systems and Valleylab					
	GI	"What's New in Office Electrosurgery? Radiosurgery!," Ellman International Manufacturing, Inc., product brochure, 9 pages, 1989					
	GJ	Cosset, J.M., "Resistive Radiofrequency (Low Frequency) Interstitial heating (RF Technique)," <u>Interstitial Hypothermia</u> , December 6, 1993, pp. 3-5 and 37-41					
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	GL	"Two Physicians Perform First Outpatient Cervical Disc Procedure Using Laser Technology," Laser Centers of America Press Release dated 12/12/94, 3 pages					
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	GO	Savitz, M.H., "Same-Day Microsurgical Arthroscopic Lateral-Approach Laser-Assisted (SMALL) Fluoroscopic Discectomy," <u>Neurosurgery</u> , Vol. 80, June 1994, pp. 1039-1045					
	GP	Schatz, S.W., and Talalla, A., "Preliminary Experience with Percutaneous Laser Disc Decompression in the Treatment of Sciatica," <u>CIS-JCC</u> , Vol. 38, No. 5, October 1995, pp. 432-436					
	GQ	Bosacco, S.J., et al., "Functional Results of Percutaneous Laser Discectomy," <u>The American Journal of Orthopedics</u> , December 1996, pp. 825-828					
	GR	Cosman, E.R., et al., "Theoretical Aspects of Radiofrequency Lesions in the Dorsal Root Entry Zone," <u>Neurosurgery</u> , Vol. 15, No. 6, 1984, pp. 945-950					
	GS	Sluijter, M.E., "The Use of Radiofrequency Lesions for Pain Relief in Failed Back Patients," <u>Int Disabil Studies</u> , Vol. 10, September 4, 1996, pp. 37-43					
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ROB ✓	HA	Kolafik, J., et al., "Photomucleolysis of Intervertebral Disc and Its Herniation," <u>Zentralblatt für Neurochirurgie</u> , Vol. 51, No. 2, 1990, pp. 69-71
✓	HB	Gottlob, C., et al., "Holmium: YAG Laser Ablation of Human Intervertebral Disc: Preliminary Evaluation," <u>Lasers in Surgery and Medicine</u> , Vol. 12, 1992, pp. 86-91
✓	HC	Buchelt, M., et al., "Fluorescence Guided Excimer Laser Ablation of Intervertebral Discs In Vitro," <u>Lasers in Surgery and Medicine</u> , Vol. 11, 1991, pp. 280-286
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✓	HN	Bromm, B., and Treede, R.-D., "Nerve Fibre Discharges, Cerebral Potentials and Sensations Induced by CO ₂ Laser Stimulation," <u>Human Neurobiology</u> , Vol. 3, No. 1, 1984, pp. 33-40
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